

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, NEW JERSEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014 – 10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEA ISLE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Divney, Mr. Edwardi, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kehner and Ms. Tighe. Also attending was Administrator Mr. Savastano and Solicitor Mr. Baldini.

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. She then announced the meeting had been advertised in accordance with P. L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 12-23-13 Regular Meeting and the closed session for content only. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Gibson. All ayes followed, except Mr. Divney abstained due to absence.

REPORTS-Mayor and Administrator: Mr. Savastano announced that the contractor for the Central Avenue project is on schedule and ahead of schedule on some items. He also provided a handout outlining the City Hall Budget for the award resolution #5.

REPORTS-Council: There were no Council reports.

CITIZEN COMMENT-Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Asked if the ground at the new city hall location has been tested for contamination by JCP&L and Mr. Savastano said yes and that it is not contaminated. She also asked if #006 was for the Excursion Park if it was Chamber of Commerce funds and Ms. Tighe said was for Excursion Park but not the Chamber funds. She then asked for an explanation of the change funds and Ms. Tighe explained it was for those locations to provide change when people are paying.

John Fee-220 43rd St: Asked what other projects Hessert Construction has done and Mr. Savastano said that he did not have a list in front of him but the architect and engineer are both familiar with the company.

John Henry-110 45th St: Asked if there were liquidated damages provision in the contract and Mr. Savastano said yes, \$2,500.00 @ day; the norm is \$500.00 @ day.

about #190 and Mr. Savastano explained and the change order amounts of #201 & #202 and Ms. Tighe provided the amounts as explained by the engineers at the last meeting.

RESOLUTION – Consent Agenda:

001 – Adopting the 2013 Temporary Budget

002 – Authorizing the Approval of Vouchers

003 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – MAC
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – June 2019

004 – Designating Official Newspapers for City Publications for 2014

005 – Authorizing the Award of Contract – City Hall Facility (*Hessert Construction-\$11,774,000.00*)

006 – Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Center Stage Entertainment (*\$87,500.00*)

007 – Authorizing Professional Service Contract for Garrison (*\$165,000.00*)

008 – Authorizing Change Funds for Police Department, Recreation, Tennis Courts, Marina
and Beach Tags

Mr. Kehner asked if Mr. Edwardi should abstain on #008 as his father is in charge of the Marina. Mr. Baldini said it was not necessary as his father is not getting anything, the change fund is for the employees at the ramp and it is turned back over to the City after the season.

Ms. Tighe then asked for a motion to adopt the Resolutions on the consent agenda, #001 to #008. Motion moved by Mr. Kehner and seconded by Mr. Divney. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS: Ms. Tighe reiterated the parking recommendations and after much discussion received consensus among the Council for a draft Ordinance regarding parking: 3 hour parking up and down streets, but continue 10 hour parking on JFK Landis Ave to the Bridge; 15 minute spaces sporadically throughout business district; no overnight parking of commercial vehicles in City surface lots; increase fee for parking permits to \$300 and allow parking without restriction, also increase from 200 permits to 300 permits; change meter time to the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day with no change in the daily operation of meters and no parking on either side of 63rd Street. Mr. Baldini said he would prepare a draft ordinance for Council review.

Ms. Tighe next brought up the idea of a late fee for business mercantile licenses to be consistent with the rental mercantile licenses and after discussion all agreed to a \$50.00 late fee and Mr. Baldini indicated he would prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Mr. Divney next suggested the mixed zoning discussions over the past several months are at a point that a decision to do something and make changes or not. He went on to say that he feels something should be done and proposed hiring a professional planner and asked for council’s support to put \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the

2014 budget. Ms. Tighe agreed stating she feels changes should occur especially with large parcel development mostly due to the 63rd Street development, but that she does not know what the changes should be and would like professional input. Mr. Savastano stated that that project was done prior to the design standard ordinance that is now in place. He added that the Administration does not believe any zoning change needs to occur now. The master plan revaluation is due in 2017 and he suggested beginning the process in 2015 through the Planning Board.

Mr. Gibson said he does not support Mr. Divney's proposal and Mr. Edwardi said he did not support it either, especially the amount proposed would not be enough. He said the commercial growth has been great for the City and while he agrees about 63rd street, it was before the current design standards and other ordinance changes that will prevent that kind of development in the future. Mr. Divney agreed that the commercial growth has been successful, but it is the non-downtown commercial that is a concern. Discussion continued and in conclusion, Mr. Divney and Mr. Edwardi agreed to meet with the owners of the large parcels for input.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ann Organ-209 39th St: Expressed her opposition to the increase in the parking permit from \$200 to \$300.

Matt Iannone-Freda Real Estate-63rd and Landis: Agreed with Mr. Divney, the mixed use in every commercial zone should be changed and hiring a professional planner for input is what is necessary.

John Fee-220 43rd St: As the President of SICTA, it is the concern of the group that tax dollars are spent wisely and supports the professional planner.

John Henry-119-45th St: Stated that parking is a major problem, he does not buy a parking permit because he does not believe he should have to pay to park in front of his home and also opposed the increase from \$200 to \$300.

Steve Hansberry-5712 Central Ave: Stated the New Year's Eve celebration was great but on 1/1/14 the recycling yard was closed and trash piled up. Also there was a construction dumpster on Central Avenue and there were bags of trash placed around that. He did call public works, but it was never picked up.

Ms. Tighe asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Edwardi. All ayes followed and the meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Cindy L. Griffith, City Clerk